

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee  
December 3, 2009**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Pamela Meyer, Walter Kolb, Pauline Jaske, Peter Gundrum and John Pledl. **Absent:** Supervisor Peter Wolff.

**Also Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Enterprise Operations Manager Andy Thelke, Waukesha Metro Transit Director Robert Johnson, Waukesha Metro Transit Deputy Director Andrew Johnson, Wisconsin Coach Lines Vice-President Tom Dieckelman, District Court Administrator Mike Neimon, County Board Chairman James Dwyer.

**Update on Wisconsin Coach Line for Route 218**

R. Johnson stated that Route 218 provides service to the New Berlin Industrial Park. The current contract expires in February 2010. The contract will be extended at the same dollar amount as the original contract, as follows: \$51.74 per revenue hour per bus plus \$421.82 per day for the one bus that operates on this line. Crosswaite stated that no action is required by the Committee. This update is being presented to inform the Committee that the County is accepting the two year extension of the contract, effective until February 2012.

**Discuss and Consider Contract for Operation of the Extension of Route 10 into Waukesha County by the Milwaukee County Transit System for 2010**

R. Johnson described the areas served by Route 10, which is operated by the Milwaukee County Transit System. Waukesha County pays only for the portion of the route on Bluemound Road from 124<sup>th</sup> Street to the Brookfield Square Mall. This is an annual contract; it is an extension of a route and it cannot be bid out because the majority of the route operates in Milwaukee County. A copy of the negotiated contract was provided to each Committee member for review. The cost for 2010 will be \$125.59 per bus hour. There is a rate of \$1.13 per passenger that is credited back against that cost for passenger revenue. There is no fuel escalation clause in this contract. The 2010 rate has actually decreased over the 2009 rate, and it is under the amount budgeted for 2010. To answer Kolb's inquiry regarding the amount of actual loss/taxpayer cost of this route, A. Johnson stated that so far this year it is \$3.42 per person. This was determined by the estimate of just over 28 people riding per bus hour on the Waukesha County portion of the route.

Mader clarified that this contract is a fixed cost -per-hour contract, much like most of the contracts in previous contracts through the years, rather than the variable type seen on certain routes in the last few years.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to approve the Contract for Operation of the Extension of Route 10 into Waukesha County by the Milwaukee County Transit System for 2010  
Motion carried: 6-0.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-065: Modify the Transportation Fund 2009 Budget for Additional State and County Highway Maintenance**

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske, to approve Ordinance 164-O-165.

Crosswaite and Chladil discussed this ordinance which appropriates additional expenditure authority and revenues totaling \$250,000 for the Public Works Transportation Fund 2009 budget for both State and County highway maintenance operations within the County. The volume of activity for both State and County highway operations exceeded anticipated levels, primarily due to winter snow and ice removal that resulted in higher than average expenditures for overtime and materials. Due to the higher volume of State activity, revenues from the State materials reimbursements are estimated to be \$150,000 higher than the 2009 modified budget originally anticipated. County revenue received for the sale of salt, salt/sand mix and road maintenance services to local municipalities exceeded its 2009 modified budget level by over \$100,000.

Kolb asked for assurance that the County salt operations would continue at previous levels. Chladil stated the level of service would be maintained. Salt usage has gone down due to the increased use of salt brine, which is very effective. The State has directed that winter maintenance standards should be maintained and any cuts should be made in the non winter months.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Bussler gave a brief update of the Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) from the State. There will be a cut of approximately 10%, which equates to about \$500,000. Possible budget adjustments/layoffs are anticipated for the spring of 2010. Bussler stated she would come back at a future meeting with a more detailed update.

#### **Update on Project 200616: Medical Examiner Expansion**

Cerreta reported on the progress of the four-phase expansion project. The first two phases have been completed successfully. The third and fourth phases are concurrently in construction and are about 80% complete at this time. The project is progressing on-budget and on-time. A completion date of February 23, 2010, is anticipated. Bussler suggested a tour of the Medical Examiner facility once the project has been completed.

#### **Update on Project 200615: Health & Human Services Building**

Cerreta stated that a total of 16 construction managers and 10 architects submitted proposals on this project. Two companies were awarded contracts: Zimmermann Design for the architecture, and Gilbane Building Company for construction management. Both of the companies have worked on past County projects (the Communications Center and Highways Operations). Cerreta discussed the financial components involved and stated that in considering the sum of both fees, the project is currently \$70,000 under the aggregate dollar amount available for this phase. Some preliminary meetings will be held in December, and design will begin in January. Cerreta stated he would report back in February with an update. Bussler stated they will work continually with HHS staff in determining needs over wants. She said a multi-disciplinary team has been formed to determine standards/goals for office space in all County buildings.

#### **Update on Project 200326: Courts Project Secured Corridor**

Bussler explained the background and development of the Secured Corridor project. The original recommendation was to attach a structure directly onto the outside of the building; however, this idea was not well received by the judges because it covered all of the windows on all floors of the courthouse. Cerreta then suggested that a structure could be built ten feet away

from the building, which would allow natural light through some of the windows. He distributed copies of a preliminary drawing (50% plan) of the project. Sheriff's Department staff have been included during the planning process, and numerous changes have already been made. The Sheriff's initial desire was to have eight holding cells, but that number has been scaled back to four. This was one of many compromises the Sheriff had agreed to throughout the process.

Bussler stated that this new plan has been shared with Chief Judge Davis and Courts staff. The plans were taken back to the architect for revisions to provide some natural light in areas on each of the levels of the courthouse. The windows now will remain unblocked except in areas where the corridor connects to the buildings. Cerreta discussed the installation of sprinklers within the new corridor and detailed structural requirements for connecting to the Courthouse, which is a non-sprinklered building. One of the requirements would be windows with fire resistant glass, at a much greater cost than standard windows. Pledl had issues with the exorbitant cost of the windows as a burden to the taxpayers; Meyer concurred.

Neimon stated that Judge Davis was attending a conference and therefore was unable to attend this meeting. He indicated that Judge Davis would like to express his opinions personally at some future point. Neimon did say that at the current time the judges are in support of a corridor but still have concerns over the lack of natural light /loss of windows with the current plan. He said that the Judiciary are working with the County Executive regarding their wants and needs.

Cerreta and Bussler continued discussion of the project at length. Bussler stated they are working on compromises in efforts to accommodate the judges concerns. She stated that they are continuing to move forward with the plan unless otherwise directed.

Jaske asked about how long this structure would meet the needs of the County. Cerreta stated the infrastructure would provide for future expansion. Administration feels it would serve its purpose for at least the next 15 years.

Dwyer spoke in support of the current Secured Corridor plan. He pointed out that windows can be a safety concern, and many new courthouses are being designed without windows. He cited the Dane County Courthouse as an example.

Bussler stated she would keep the Committee apprised of any future developments with the Secured Corridor Project. Swan thanked Bussler and Cerreta for the informational update.

Gundrum left at 9:58 a.m.

### **Approval of Bid: Expo Center Dairy and Horse Barn Roof**

Thelke reviewed the background and need for the dairy and horse barn roofing improvements. The dairy barn roof is over 25 years old and has significant leakage issues, especially in the winter. He further discussed the details of the extent of the repairs and the product materials that would be used for this project. He stated that their only concern with the bid from Platinum Building Solutions was the travel distance, as the company is located in Illinois. However, after speaking with Platinum and reviewing their references, it was determined that they would be capable of performing the work in a satisfactory manner, in that coating of metal roofs is their specialty. They were highly recommended by ER Systems, the manufacturer of the base bid

coating system that was specified.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Meyer, to approve the bid by Platinum Building Solutions in the amount of \$35,752.00 for the Base Bids 1 and 2. Motion carried: 5-0.

**Approve Minutes of November 24, 2009**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to approve the minutes of November 24, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

**Future Meeting Date**

- January 14, 2009

**Future Agenda Items**

- Update on the State RMA (January)
- Tour of the completed Medical Examiner Expansion (March)
- Update on the HHS Building Project (February)

Pledl moved, second by Jaske, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried: 5 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff  
Secretary